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Applicants attach herewith the executed Declaration for the Application.

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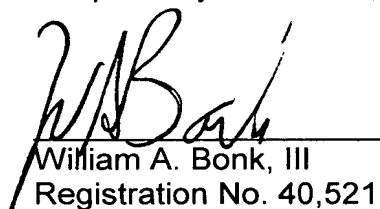
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TITLE OF INVENTION

Free-Radical Functionalized Polysaccharides

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The inventors reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

The inventors acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to examination of this application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a). The inventors acknowledge the duty to disclose material information, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

PRIORITY CLAIMS

This Application incorporates by reference and is a National Phase of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP03/02910, filed March 20, 2003, which claims priority to European Application Serial No. 02425172.0, filed March 20, 2002.

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